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SUBJECT: FOREIGN BUSINESS VISITOR, MUSTAPHA BOUARFA, DIRECTOR,
ALGERIAN NATIONAL COMPUTER AUTHORITY

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY MUSTAPHA BOUARFA, DIRECTOR OF THE ALGERIAN NATIONAL COMPUTER AUTHORITY (COMMISSARIAT NATIONALE A L'INFORMATIQUE CNI) THAT HE WILL BE VISITING THE UNITED STATES APRIL 17 TO 29.
2. BOUARFA HAS REQUESTED A MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, IF POSSIBLE. BOUARFA WILL OUTLINE ALGERIA'S COMPUTER PLAN, NOW UNDER PREPARATION, AND TALK TO US BUSINESSMEN AND OFFICIALS ABOUT HIS GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO SEE MORE NEW US COMPUTER FIRMS SELLING IN ALGERIA.
3. BOUARFA ESPECIALLY MENTIONED HIS DESIRE TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES OF BURROUGHS AND UNIVAC AT THIS MEETING. COMATT IS IN CONTACT WITH LOCAL BURROUGHS REP CONCERNING THIS.
4. ALGERIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON BEING INFORMED BY CNI OF BOUARFA'S VISIT. ANY US FIRMS WANTING SPECIFIC APPOINTMENTS SHOOULD CONTACT EMBASSY. BOUARFA WILL BE IN WASHINGTON APRIL 19-22. HIS TRIP WILL ALSO INCLUDE STOPS NEW YORK, DALLAS, LAS VEGAS, AND LOS ANGELES.

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5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE BOUARFA TRIP IMPORTANT
TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF US-ALGERIAN EDP COOPERATION.
HIS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TRIP HAVING BEEN POSTPONED,
WE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN THAT THIS TIME IT
WILL TAKE PLACE. EMBASSY BELIEVES BOUARFA SINCERE
AND SERIOUS IN PLANNED TRIP AND WHILE WE
RELUCTANT TO MADE PREDICTIONS, OUR BEST
ASSESSMENT IS THAT HE WILL INDEED GO THIS TIME.PARKER

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